Bangalore,

29th August 1918.

My dear Sir,

With reference to our conversations yesterday and to-day regarding the cancellation of the Government letter to Mr.Denham about extending Mr.Venkatakrishnayya's term of office as Head Master of the Marimallappa's High School, I feel after a very careful consideration of the matter that Government would be lowering themselves if we now withdrew the letter referred to above. The School Committee have treated the suggestion of Government with scant respect. For this they alone are responsible and the action of Government could not in any way be regarded as objectionable. If we cancelled the letter in question now, opportunity will be given for public comment that Government issued a letter in the first instance without due consideration and that after suffering humiliation they are going back on their original decision.

After all, even if the District Judge should order the grant of an extension to Mr.Venkatakrishnayya and such an order takes effect, there will be nothing very prejudicial either to the Government or to the Committee. It is true Mr.Mirza's recent notes throw a different light on the whole question but our suggestion to the Committee was made long before the receipt of those notes. Further, the Government have not in any way committed themselves on the question of enhanced pension.

In the circumstances, I would suggest that matters be left to take their own course, which, unless we now interfere,will not prejudice the attitude of Government. The Chief Secretary & Secretary, E. & A., whom I consulted, hold the same view.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly submit this let for the consideration of His Highness the Yuvaraja.

Yours Sincerely,

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